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WASHINGTON (AP) - WITH THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE FINISHED WITH SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, CHAIRMAN FRANK CHURCH PLANS TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD ENTERING THE RACE FOR THE 1976 DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

Church, a Democrat from Idaho, plans to file papers with the Federal Election Commission today setting up a committee to raise funds and explore the feasibility of a presidential campaign.

SOURCES CLOSE TO THE 51-YEAR-OLD SENATOR SAID THAT IF ALL GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN HE WILL ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

Church will be joining a field of 10 other announced Democratic candidates and has said that because of his late start he probably will not enter any of the early Democratic primaries.

When the Senate Intelligence Committee began its work a year ago, Church announced he would engage in no political activities until the committee's work was ended.

Although the committee still has to write and publish its final report, Church has decided that for all practical purposes that moment has come.

Although committee spokesmen said there may be one or two days of public hearings sometime next month, the last scheduled witness was Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi, who testified Thursday that the Justice Department has drafted guidelines barring the FBI from investigating persons who disagree with government policies unless there is a real likelihood they are involved in violent and unlawful activities.

Levi also outlined guidelines that would forbid the FBI from acting to discredit and disrupt members of domestic organizations unless such "preventive action" was essential to save human life, and the attorney general approves it.

Levi told the committee that while he was dean of the University of Chicago Law School he received an anonymous letter he now knows was prepared by the FBI under its COINTELPRO operation.

The letter said a member of the school's faculty was a member of the Communist Party.

The proposed guidelines setting up regular Justice Department review of FBI domestic intelligence operations were described by Levi as "tough and maybe too tough."

But Church, who has said there is a need to curb the FBI's power and limit its activities, called the guidelines "very vague."

Sen. Walter F. Mondale, D-Minn., told Levi the guidelines would mean nothing in the face of a direct order from the president.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION OF U.S. COVERT OPERATIONS IN CHILE "INDICATES THAT PERJURY MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED" BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND THREE OTHER PRESENT OR FORMER TOP U.S. OFFICIALS, ACCORDING TO SEN. GARY HART.

HART, A DEMOCRAT FROM COLORADO, STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING ANY OF THEM A LIAR. INSTEAD, HE CITED EXAMPLES OF THEIR STATEMENTS TO OTHER CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES "WHICH APPEAR TO BE MISLEADING AT BEST, OR, PERHAPS, PERJURIOUS."

THE OTHER THREE MENTIONED BY HART ARE FORMER CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD M. HELMS, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHILE EDWARD KORRY AND CHARLES MEYER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

IN A SPEECH TO THE SENATE THURSDAY, HART CITED HELMS' TESTIMONY MARCH 1973 BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHEN HELMS RESPONDED "NO, SIR?" TO THE QUESTION: "Did the CIA attempt at any time to prevent Salvador Allende Gossens from being elected president of Chile in 1970?"

HART NOTED THAT A 1970 CIA MEMO STATED THAT "THE DIRECTOR (HELMS) TOLD THE GROUP THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD DECIDED THAT AN ALLENDE REGIME IN CHILE WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. THE PRESIDENT ASKED STATIN THE AGENCY TO PREVENT ALLENDE FROM COMING TO POWER OR TO UNSEAT HIM. THE PRESIDENT AUTHORIZED \$10 MILLION FOR THIS PURPOSE, IF NEEDED."

HART ALSO CITED A SEPTEMBER 1973 STATEMENT BY KISSINGER BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT "THE CIA . . . WAS IN A VERY MINOR WAY INVOLVED IN THE 1970 ELECTION AND SINCE THEN WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY STAYED AWAY FROM COUPS."

ACCORDING TO HART, THE RECORD COMPILED BY THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE SHOWED THAT THE CIA SPENT \$1 MILLION ON A "SPOILING OPERATION AGAINST ALLENDE PRIOR TO HIS SEPTEMBER 1970 ELECTION. AFTER THAT EFFORT FAILED, U.S. AGENTS ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT HIM FROM TAKING OFFICE BY PROMOTING A MILITARY COUP," HART SAID.

"I WOULD NOT CALL THIS KIND OF INVOLVEMENT 'MINOR,'" HE DECLARED.

HART ALSO CITED CONFLICTS IN THE CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY OF KORRY AND MEYER, BUT HE HELD OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT KORRY AND MEYER MAY NOT HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE FULL EXTENT OF U.S. COVERT OPERATIONS IN CHILE.

HART SAID HE MADE HIS SPEECH IN AN EFFORT TO SPUR THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO ACTION.

"THIS CONFLICT HAS BEEN EVIDENT FOR TWO YEARS AND NOTHING HAS HAPPENED," HE SAID.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS KNOWN TO BE INVESTIGATING A NUMBER OF CIA ACTIVITIES INVOLVING HELMS, HAS ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO TURN OVER THE TESTIMONY TAKEN FROM VARIOUS WITNESSES CONCERNING CHILE.

AT A PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FRANK CHURCH, D-IDAH0, ASSURED ATTY. GEN. EDWARD W. LEVI "THAT THE COMMITTEE . . . IS FULLY WILLING TO COOPERATE IN ANY WAY."

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Context of a speech on
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